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SUBJECT: DC-LDC RELATIONS: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

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1. US STANCE: FOLLOWING RETURN CONSULTATIONS WASHINGTON, AMB MET WITH RWANDAN FONMIN NSEKALIJE JUNE 6 AND REVIEWED REFTELS NOTING USG WILLINGNESS REVIEW LDC ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH GOOD WILL PROVIDING LDC'S COULD ADOPT REALISTIC AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE RATHER THAN CONFRONTATIONAL STEAMROLLER TACTICS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN FOREFRONT SINCE PREVIOUS UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. AMB PAID PARTICULAR NOTE US WILLINGNESS DISCUSS COMMODITY AGREEMENTS ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS PRESENTED SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH AND THAT FORTHCOMING UN SPECIAL SESSION CONSTITUTES TEST CASE FOR ABILITY DC'S/LDC'S SEEK MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRESS RATHER THAN EXCHANGE RHETORIC. AMB NOTED PROBLEM SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT HE WOULD SEND FONMIN LETTER IN NEAR FUTURE CONTAINING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON NEW USG PRO-
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2. FONMIN REPLY: FONMIN LISTENED ATTENTIVELY AND NOTED IT UNFORTUNATELY EVIDENT LDC CONFRONTATION WELL ESTABLISHED. THIS IS REGRETTABLE BUT REFLECTS FACT LDC'S IN THEIR "ECONOMIC ANGUISH" HAVE BECOME "SO DESPERATE". IF IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC STRUCTURE WERE ANTICIPATED AND "PROGRESS" UNDERWAY TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS, MODERATE STATES COULD HVE A MUCH STRONGER STANCE. FONMIN ALSO NOTED MODERATE PREPARATORY WORK OFTEN UNDONE BY PENCHANT AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE "IN TRIBAL COUNCIL TO IGNORE OR REJECT" WORK OF ASSISTANTS.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RWANDA REMAINS RELATIVELY MODERATE AFRICAN STATE, FONMIN'S OWN PUBLIC SPEECHES ON "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER" HAVE BECOME DISTINCTLY MORE HARSH OVER PAST YEAR REFLECTING RWANDAN POLITICAL PREFERENCE FOR NOT BEING SEPARATED FROM LDC HERD. RECENT STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY HAVE BEGUN TO REMOVE ONUS OUR APPARENT ISOLATION ON ECONMIC ISSUES OF INTEREST TO LDC'S, BUT WU CONTINUE TO SUFFER FROM IMAGE OF "CAPITALIST RESISTANCE" TO IMPROVING ECONOMIC LOT DEVELOPING MANKIND DESPITE OUR ROLE AS THE WORLD'S LEADING AID DONOR OVER THREE DECADES. ALTHOUGH EXCESSIVE USG RHETORIC WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, US POSITION FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT WOULD BE IMPORVOED IF THE RECENT SERIES OF DECISIONS RELATING TO SUCH ITEMS AS FOOD, COMMODITIES AND ASSISTANCE (SECRETARY'S IEA/OECD PROPOSALS) COULD BE LUMPED INTO A CONCEPTUAL RUBRIC SUCH AS THE DC/LDC JOINT INTEREST IN CONTROLLING WORLDWIDE INFLATION (ALBEIT IN EACH OTHER'S COMMODITIES). FRITTS

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